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SUBJECT: MTN - THE US NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES

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1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA TWO
OF REFTEL

A. THE UNITED STATES AT PRESENT ENJOYS
PREFERENTIAL TRADE TREATMENT SIMILAR TO UK,
FRANCE, AND OTHER MOST FAVORED NATIONS. NO
SPECIFIC TARIFF CONCESSIONS WOULD MAKE US
GOODS ANY MORE ATTRACTIVE. IN THOSE AREAS
WHERE THE US IS IN THE MARKET ITS GOODS ARE
COMPETITIVE. FOR EXAMPLE 90 PERCENT OF ALL
HEAVY EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT SOLD IN 1975 WAS
MANUFACTURED BY CATERPILLAR.

B. THOSE NON-TARIFF MEASURES WHICH ADVERSELY
AFFECT US TRADE ARE NOT OF GOVERNMENT ORIGIN.
THE SMALL SIZE OF THE MAURITIAN MARKET (UNDER
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ONE MILLION PEOPLE), THE LONG SHIPPING DISTANCE
INVOLVED (14,000 MILES), AND THE FACT THAT
THERE IS NO DIRECT SHIPPING BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND MAURITIUS LIMITS US TRADE WITH
MAURITIUS. THE EXTRA COSTS AND DELAY IN TIME
CAUSED BY THE NEED TO TRANS-SHIP ALL CARGO
ARE THE TWO MAIN DETERRENTS TO US TRADE.

C. DUE TO HIATUS IN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF RECENT GENERAL ELECTIONS, EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN WHAT GOM POSITION AND GOALS MIGHT BE IN MTN. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE MAURITIUS'S MAJOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES IS SUGAR. THIS ALREADY APPEARS ON THE GSP LIST. MAURITIUS'S OTHER EXPORT ITEMS ARE MANUFACTURED GOODS PRODUCED FOR EXPORT ONLY. CERTAIN OF THESE ITEMS, SUCH AS LED'S FOR DIGITAL WATCHES AND COMPUTERS ARE EXPORTED TO THE US DUTY FREE UNDER THE UNITED STATES GSP. THE LARGEST SEGMENT OF MAURITIAN MANUFACTURED GOTDS NOT PERMITTED INTO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE GSP ARE THE TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

D. A COPY OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ORDINANCE OF 1969, STILL THE BASIC TRADE DOCUMENT OF THE MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH ITS NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS WILL BE POUCHED ASAP.
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